

NOAA Office of General Counsel International Section

Issues Covered in Alphabetical Order

(Last Updated April 19, 2014)

- Antarctic Issues - *Stephanie Altman*
- Arctic Issues - *Peter Oppenheimer*
 - Arctic Council and its Working Groups (in particular PAME)
 - Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission
 - Shipping, Marine Tourism, Maritime Domain Awareness, MPAs, Environmental Governance
 - U.S. Interagency Arctic Policy Group (APG)
 - U.S. Arctic Policies, Strategies and Plans (e.g., National Security Policy Directive 66, National Strategy for the Arctic Region and its Implementation Plan)
- Biological Diversity & Marine Genetic Resources in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction - *Stephanie Altman and Ole Varmer*
- Climate Change & Marine Geo-Engineering - *Richard Mannix*
 - Climate Engineering Roundtable
 - Human Rights and Climate Change (e.g., U.N. Human Rights Council)
- Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning: Jurisdiction - *Ole Varmer*
- Data Buoys and Vandalism - *Peter Oppenheimer*
- Derelict Fishing Gear & Marine Debris - *Stephanie Altman*
- Great Lakes Issues - *Ole Varmer w/ Derek Campbell*
 - Integrated Coastal & Ocean Management
 - International Cooperation and Agreements with Canada
 - Jurisdiction, Management and Enforcement
 - Legal Capacity Building - Technical Assistance
- High Seas Marine Protected Areas - *Ole Varmer and Peter Oppenheimer*
- Heritage (cultural & natural) - *Ole Varmer*
 - Admiralty Jurisdiction & Maritime Law
 - RMS *Titanic* and other Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH)
 - UNESCO Conventions, e.g., UCH, World Heritage, Trafficking Cultural Property
- International Fisheries - *Derek Campbell*
 - Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing
 - Magnuson-Stevens Act International Provisions and other International Fisheries-related Domestic Legislation
 - Other international fisheries instruments and negotiations (e.g., UN Fish Stocks Agreement; FAO Compliance Agreement, RFMO negotiations, FAO negotiations)
 - Port State Measures to Combat IUU Fishing
 - Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) (e.g., ICCAT, IATTC, CCAMLR)
 - UN General Assembly Fisheries Resolution
- International Fisheries Enforcement - *Richard Mannix*
 - U.S./Russia IUU Agreement

- International Hazardous Waste, Chemicals, Pesticides and Persistent Organic Pollutant Management - *Richard Mannix*
 - Basel Convention on the Control of the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste
 - Minamata Convention on Mercury
 - Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
 - Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
 - Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (Dubai Declaration)
- International Mechanisms for Environmental Impact Assessment - *Richard Mannix*
- International Organization Cooperation & Funding - *Ole Varmer*
- Jurisdiction - *Richard Mannix and Ole Varmer*
 - Enforcement
 - International Bases for Jurisdiction
 - Sovereign Immunity
- Land-based Sources of Marine Pollution - *Richard Mannix*
 - UNEP Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Sources (GPA-LBS) - *w/Stephanie Altman*
 - Marine Disposal of Mine Tailings
- Law of the Sea Convention - *All*
 - Baselines and delimiting Maritime Zones and continental shelf - *Ole Varmer*
 - Interpretation, Accession and Implementation - *Peter Oppenheimer*
 - Major Maritime Powers Issues - *Peter Oppenheimer*
 - Marine Scientific Research - *Peter Oppenheimer and Ole Varmer*
 - Maritime Boundaries with other nations - *Ole Varmer*
 - NOAA Working Group on Law of the Sea - *Peter Oppenheimer*
 - NSS Sub-Interagency Policy Committee on Ocean Policy - *Peter Oppenheimer*
 - Related International Instruments Regarding Marine Environmental Protection - *Peter Oppenheimer*
 - UN General Assembly Oceans Resolution - *Peter Oppenheimer*
- Legal Capacity Building, Environmental & Natural Resource Governance - *Stephanie Altman*
- London Dumping Convention/1996 Protocol - *Richard Mannix*
 - CO₂ Sub-seabed Sequestration Agreements
 - Marine Geo-engineering
 - Ocean Fertilization
 - Strategic Plan to Broaden LC/LP Purview
- Marine Pollution (vessel-based and land-based) - *Stephanie Altman*
- Marine Protected Areas, Place-based Management, and Environmental Governance in the High Seas- *All*
- Marine Scientific Research - *Peter Oppenheimer w/ Ole Varmer & Richard Mannix*
 - Law of the Sea Convention Part XIII
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
 - Operational Oceanography and Observations

- Protected Resources
 - Convention on Migratory Species MOUs - *Derek Campbell*
 - International Sea Turtle Conservation (e.g., Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles; Sec. 609 of Public Law 101-162 (shrimp-turtle certifications)) - *Derek Campbell*
 - Seabirds - Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels - *Peter Oppenheimer*
- Seabed Management
 - Deep Seabed Mining - *Peter Oppenheimer and Ole Varmer*
 - Extended Continental Shelf - *Ole Varmer and Richard Mannix*
 - International Seabed Authority - *Ole Varmer and Derek Campbell*
 - Submarine Cables & Pipelines - *Peter Oppenheimer and Ole Varmer*
- Seaward Limit/Geographical Scope of Laws - *Ole Varmer w/ Peter Oppenheimer*
- Ships, Regulation of
 - Anti-fouling Convention - *Stephanie Altman*
 - Aquatic Nuisance Species (i.e., Ballast Water and Biofouling) - *Stephanie Altman and Peter Oppenheimer*
 - Coastal state authority to regulate ships - *Peter Oppenheimer and Stephanie Altman*
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions - *Stephanie Altman*
 - IMO “tools” (PSSAs, ATBAs, Special Areas, Ship Routing, Reporting and No-Anchoring Requirements, Vessel Traffic Services) - *Stephanie Altman*
 - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS), International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) and other IMO instruments - *Stephanie Altman*
 - Intersection of MARPOL and the London Dumping Convention/London Protocol *Stephanie Altman*
 - Polar Shipping Code - *Stephanie Altman*
 - Port Access Route Studies (PARS) - *Stephanie Altman*
 - Port Entry and International Law - *Peter Oppenheimer and Stephanie Altman*
 - Ship Strikes of Cetaceans - *Stephanie Altman*
 - Sovereign Immunity and International Law - *Peter Oppenheimer and Stephanie Altman*
- Statutory Authorities & Policy Drivers - *Richard Mannix*
 - Mechanisms for Transfer to and Receipt of Funds From Foreign & International Partners
 - Statutes Authorizing & Mandating NOAA’s International Engagement & Activities
- Surveys and Charting - *Ole Varmer and Peter Oppenheimer*
 - International issues - Mapping & Charting
 - International Issues - Survey & Remote Sensing
- Trade and Environment - *Derek Campbell w/ Stephanie Altman and Richard Mannix*
 - International Fisheries Instruments with Trade Provisions
 - Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements - *w/ Stephanie Altman*

- U.S. Natural Resources Laws with Trade Provisions (e.g., High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act, MMPA, Pelly Amendment)
 - WTO (e.g., GATT, TBT, Dispute Resolution, Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations)
- Underwater Noise - *Stephanie Altman*
- Unmanned Maritime Vehicles - *Peter Oppenheimer and Ole Varmer*
- Zones and Boundaries - *Ole Varmer w/ Stephanie Altman*
 - U.S. Baseline Committee
 - Delimitation of Maritime Zones
 - Delineation of the Outer Limit of the Extended Continental Shelf
 - Implications of Sea Level Rise
 - International Maritime Boundaries